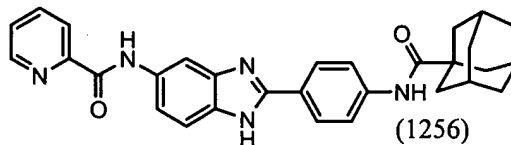


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REMARKS

In the communication referred above, the Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species.



Applicants hereby elect the following species:

Claims 1-16 read on the elected species. Accordingly, prompt examination of Claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10 have been amended and new Claims 14-16 have been added. As a result, Claims 1-16 remain pending in the present application. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as filed. Accordingly, the amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to add "heterocyclic ring and substituted heterocyclic ring" to the list of R₁ and R₂ substituents. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at pages 6-35 which list embodiments. Some embodiments show the R₁ or R₂ substituent being a heterocyclic ring or a substituted heterocyclic ring. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite "wherein R₁ and R₂ cannot both be phenyl groups." Pozdnyakov et al., submitted in an IDS on April 18, 2003, discloses a species of Genus A in which R₁ and R₂ are both phenyl groups. Therefore, with this amendment, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Pozdnyakov et al.

Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error and to clarify the language.

Claims 5 and 9 have been amended to remove compounds that do not fall within the genera of their antecedent claims.

Claims 6 and 10 have been amended to be independent claims.

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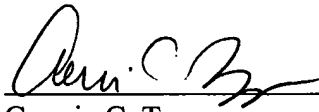
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above election and amendments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any questions may be promptly resolved.

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